

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

Tuesday 2	11am	Service & Coffee at Woodstock in Frampton Mansell
Tuesday 2	7.30pm	Coates Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 3	7.30pm	BEAT meeting in St Peter's Court, Ashcroft Road
Thursday 4	7.30pm	Coates Gardening Club Spring Social
Saturday 6	10am	Litter Pick in Coates
Tuesday 9		Mobile library visiting Coates
Tuesday 9	7pm	Sapperton & Frampton Mansell Parish Council Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 16	7.30pm	Frampton Mansell Rural Cinema
Tuesday 16	10.30am	Community Coffee, Cake and Chat in Coates Village Hall
Thursday 18	2.30pm	Good Companions meeting
Thursday 18	7pm	Kemble & Ewen WI Meeting
Saturday 20	10am	Coates Gardening Club Plant Sale
Saturday 20	1-5pm	Highland Games and Dog Show
Thursday 25	2.30pm	Kemble & District RBL Women's Section meeting

JUNE

Thursday 8		Coates Gardening Club outing
Saturday 10	3.30pm	Rodmarton & Tarlton Fiesta
Saturday 17	1-5pm	Coates Grande Fiesta <i>Fete and Dog Show</i>
Saturday 17	6 - 10pm	Coates Grande Fiesta Asado and music

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 16		Coates Produce Show
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May 2017

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CIRENCESTER EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP

A warm and friendly support group of volunteers are in St Peter's lounge, St Peter's Court, St Peter's Road, Cirencester on Wednesday 3 May at 7.30pm. Sufferers and carers receive confidential, accessible local help from people who have had personal experience either as a sufferer or carer. In recent months there has been an upsurge in attendance which is probably from the recent national awareness campaign and local press reports. It is really quite sad that so many people young and old struggle with eating distress- it steals their daily living.

On Tuesday 16 May please support our event – a Fashion Designer's Journey with Karen Van Hoff. The speaker is a self-taught artist and designer who creates stunning millinery from her workshop in Ludlow and also created exquisite wedding accessories for some of the top UK bridal designers including Suzanne Neville. Today she knits and embroiders with fine wire, gems and pearls to create her unique fine art, couture jewellery.

Further details about the group in confidence can be obtained from Pat on 770385.

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

The visit for next month will be on Tuesday 9 May between 11.25am and 12.25pm outside the village hall.

CLOSING DATE FOR THE JUNE MAGAZINE

Contributions should be sent to Bob Merrill at Glebe House, Coates, GL7 6NU. Telephone 07866 972389 or by e-mail to the Watershed magazine at watershedmag@gmail.com. Articles should be in Arial font at 11 point with **formatting kept as simple as possible**. The editor reserves the right to edit any articles. **Articles should be submitted by 12 May at the latest for inclusion in the next issue.**

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If you wish to advertise in our parish magazine please contact Bob Merrill at Glebe House, Coates, GL7 6NU. Tel 771496, Mobile 07866 972389 or by e-mail to the Watershed magazine at watershedmag@gmail.com. Adverts at a third of a page cost £15 for a single issue or £60 for 6 months. Adverts at half a page cost £23 for a single issue or £90 for 6 months. The magazine is published 10 times every year; July/August and December/January are joint editions.

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

30 April	Third Sunday after Easter	
9.30	Coates	Morning Prayer & APCM
9.30	Poole Keynes VH	Café Church
10.00	Kemble School	Family Friendly Café Church
11.00	Rodmarton	Morning Prayer & APCM
7 May	Fourth Sunday after Easter	
9.30	Kemble	Holy Communion + Sunday School
9.30	Coates	Holy Communion
9.30	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
11.00	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
11.00	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
18.00	Kemble	The Source
14 May	Fifth Sunday after Easter	
9.30	Kemble	Family Service
9.30	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
10.00	Coates	Informal All Age Service
11.00	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
11.00	Tarlton	Rogation
11.00	Frampton Mansell	Family Service
21 May	Sixth Sunday after Easter	
11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
28 May	Seventh Sunday after Easter	
8.00	Tarlton	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00	Poole Keynes	Benefice Service Holy Communion
4 June	Pentecost	
9.30	Kemble	Holy Communion
9.30	Coates	Holy Communion
9.30	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
11.00	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
11.00	Sapperton	Holy Communion
18.00	Kemble	The Source

PRAYERS IN THE BENEFICE

- ◇ Wednesdays at Kemble at 10am (Holy Communion)
- ◇ Said Communion Service and Prayers at 3pm followed by tea at The Blessings, Coates (2nd Tuesday in the month)
- ◇ Tuesdays at Kemble at 8.30am

SIGNS

As I write it's Holy Week, just before Easter and wherever you look there are signs of new life. Buds are appearing, the grass and weeds are beginning to grow! Birds are nesting and there are lambs in the field. Living in this beautiful part of the world, we are surrounded by all these signs that point to a 'resurrection:' - Life emerging from death. Living in the northern hemisphere it's easy to take for granted that these 'signs' appear just at the time when we mark the Easter story, of the death and resurrection of Christ. Those living in the Southern Hemisphere are in Autumn when everything is dying back and it's getting colder. I am thankful for Spring occurring when it does, as I need these reminders. They help me to reflect on the wonder of Easter. I hear someone say, 'It's not really life emerging from death, because the plants are just sleeping during winter!' True, but when a seed is sown, it has to die in order to reproduce!

I've just turned 70, and am beginning to reflect more seriously on how long I have left. As a former policeman and hospital chaplain I am experienced in dealing with death. Now I am beginning to realise that it is quite another thing to address one's own death instead of the death of others! It's been referred to as that 'moment of truth' which understandably we all shy away from. Particularly in hospital it is usually accompanied by tears as we face up to our own vulnerability. The Psalmist in Psalm 90 verse 12 says 'teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom' (AV). Yes our days are numbered! The realisation of that truth ought to make us 'apply our hearts unto wisdom'. What does he mean? In Proverbs chapter 9 verse 10 it says 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom' (AV). 'Fear' here means to have regard for, acknowledge, reverence. My friends, however old you are, let us join together in regarding, acknowledging and having reverence for the Creator of all this vast array of 'signs' all around us. They point to resurrection from death! Come and make peace with Him by accepting that what Jesus did on that cross includes you! This wonderful truth extends beyond Easter into all the seasons when signs of new life are less noticeable. With love and prayers,

David Austin (Associate Priest)

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NEWS FROM COATES

COATES COUNTRY FAYRE AND PRODUCE SHOW

The schedule for the show on 16 September is included in this issue for all Coates residents so that you have plenty of time to consider your entries! Non Coates residents are very welcome to enter and should contact me if they require a copy of the schedule. We are still looking for someone to judge the art categories, please contact me if you know of anyone who would be willing to help out. Also, we would like donations for the raffle, especially any food, wine gifts etc which we can make up into hampers. Any donations can be left at Anvil Lodge, Coates or I am happy to collect.

Liz Allen lizallen@hotmail.co.uk 771229 or 07771 553061

Hat competition Produce show

COATES

Games

BBQ

COUNTRY

Bar

FAYRE

Stalls

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COATES VILLAGE LOTTERY

The final draw of 2016 – 2017 Coates village hall lottery was held at the community coffee morning held on 18 April. As participation in this cycle of the lottery had increased we were able to give six prizes, which were awarded as follows:

First prize	£100 to no 24	Dee Perks
Second prize	£100 to no 44	Janice Hitchcock
Third prize	£50 to no 99	Ron Johnston
Fourth prize	£50 to no 02	Tina King
Fifth prize	£30 to no 88	Roy Pond
Sixth prize	£20 to no 06	Adrian Mixture

After all prizes have been awarded, a sum of £1,470 pounds will go towards the new windows which we hope to install in the near future. We are very grateful to everyone who has taken part this year for their generosity. We have now launched the next round of the lottery and hope to do as well or better this year, as more money will be needed for the windows. All contributions will be very welcome, so please join us. All the houses in Coates should have received a leaflet and more can be obtained on request. The first draw of the new lottery will be held at the Village Hall on 16 May, at the coffee morning, so please join up now using this date as a deadline.

Diana Crane 770976

COATES GARDENING CLUB

There are two events in May. On Thursday 4 May we will hold a Spring Social at 7.30pm. There will be one or two (optional) competitions with a gardening theme and a glass of wine and light refreshments. Contact me for details if you would like to come.

Annual Plant Sale on Saturday 20 May from 10am until noon in Coates village hall – always a sociable event! This is an opportunity to bring surplus plants and buy from the selection available. There will also be a cake stall and tea and coffee will be served throughout the morning.

Our summer outing this year is scheduled for Thursday 8 June. We will meet in the village hall car park at 6.15 for car sharing and our destination will be Cotswold Farm Garden near Duntisbourne Abbots. Entry £5. Do join us.

Margaret Reynolds 771354

Coates Village

Grande Fiesta

at Trewsbury Farm, Coates, GL7 6NY

Saturday 17th June 1pm-5pm

Family Fun Day

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NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

white one with flame-orange wing tips. In our district its caterpillars feed mainly on Garlic Mustard (also known as Jack-in-the-Hedge). The plant flourishes in bare ground patches created where the flail hits the ground: the butterflies home in on it, and lay their eggs on its buds – then plant, eggs and caterpillars are destroyed, as cutting occurs before the caterpillars wander off to pupate (in July). This is why our Orange Tips are in decline.

A few plants actually benefit from this regime: coarse grasses like Cocksfoot and False Oat Grass, nettles, and, curiously, the beautiful blue Meadow Cranesbill, which is increasing. But Oh! the poor orchids, scabiouises, vetches, and the rest.

Think bees, think butterflies, think biodiversity (if you like the word), think Barn Owl and the Field Voles it depends upon – all creatures of rough grassland. And the machine is made to cut as close to the ground as possible, slaughtering any animal that attempts to live there (but at least they don't get injured, there are no survivors).

There must be an easy win-win here: rationalise mowing to needy sections only; reduce the number of summer cuts; save some money - and mend some more potholes instead or even fund a library, a school, or a hospital. We've been unfortunate in that we've had a run of wet springs and strong vegetation growth years, but should we get a drought summer the verges wouldn't grow, and the machines might fall silent. Sometimes one feels like a voice crying in the wilderness...

Matthew Oates

KEMBLE AND DISTRICT RBL WOMEN'S SECTION

Do please come along to Kemble village hall on Thursday 25 May at 2.30pm when the speaker, Dave Swaffer, will give a presentation on Trekking to Everest Base camp (almost!). All members of the RBL and Women's Section, visitors and friends very welcome. There will be a delicious and inviting afternoon tea included.

Contact Pat Ayres on 770385.

KEMBLE AND EWEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our next meeting will be held in Kemble village hall at 7pm on Thursday 18 May when the speaker Gary Selwyn will give us an insight about 'Life in a Charity Shop' (Brake Charity)

Pat Ayres secretary 770385

NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

The very dry conditions of previous months may have inhibited vegetable seed germination, given some showery weather these will still come through. I have one neighbour who gardens on a very heavy soil, which has set so hard that all cultivation is difficult or near impossible; giving the ground mulches of compost particularly in autumn and spring does improve heavy soil so that it does become workable. Earthworms do a lot of the work in taking the compost deeper into the ground, and more earthworms become more visible as the soil improves.

You can make your own grow bags from old compost bags. The plastic is quite tough and durable for re-use. Roll the cut end halfway down and fill with compost so that the bag sits on the ground, add a few drainage holes. The advantage over the rather flat grow bags available to buy is a deeper space for roots. Plant one tomato seedlings one to a bag, these will be light enough to move to a sunny spot.

Sally Oates

TRIMMING TIME...

By the time you read this road and lane verge trimming will have commenced.

Why do we do it so extensively? Somehow, in austerity Britain, with councils supposedly struggling for funding, money is found to pay contractors to flail-cut all our road and lane verges. And not just the obvious, needy bits like junctions, blind corners and other crucial sight lines, or even major roads; but the lot, irrespective. And not just the verge edges, where vegetation might overhang, scratch vehicles and injure cyclists. And not just once a summer. Even the below-the-sightline hollow in the north-west sector of the Culkerton – Cherington crossroads on the A433, with its Cowslips, is cut twice a summer. It would be interesting to learn what the objectives are, and where the budget comes from?

By early May our lanes are white with *Anthriscus sylvestris*, the humble Cow Parsley or Queen Anne's Lace. Now, as soon as the plant flowers the flail cutter appears, and pulverises the lot. If left, it would die back naturally. What's amazing is that the plant keeps coming back for more. But for how long?

Summer verge-flailing is a death trap for the Orange Tip butterfly – the

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME TO HELP RID COATES OF LITTER

The Coates annual litter pick is being held on **Saturday 6 May at 10am**. If you would like to help, the kit needed is provided by CDC (pick sticks, gloves, hi-vis jackets, bags) and all full bags are later collected by CDC. If you would like to help please come to the village hall car park and I will be there at 10am to welcome you, provide kit and agree where you would like to have a go.

Geoffrey Moore (any queries to me on 01285 770869)

TIME OUT BIBLE DISCUSSION

The Time Out Bible Discussion group for mothers of school age children in the benefice meets twice each month on Thursdays at 10am. For further details please contact Julie on 770123 or email julieallen47@btinternet.com or juliepaulmorton@gmail.com.



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in Coates Village Hall. All welcome.



Tuesday 16 May

If anyone would like to join the team to help with this event or might like to bake a cake occasionally (you will be reimbursed £5 towards the cost) we would love to hear from you. Please either speak to one of the team on the day or contact Sarah on 771393. Many thanks.



THE GOOD COMPANIONS

The next meeting will be on Thursday 18 May at 2.30pm when we will hear Pete Wilson from Radio Gloucestershire. This will be followed by tea, biscuits and a raffle. All are welcome. Please bring money for our trip.

N Vizor

NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL

TALKING TO MYSELF

May is nearly here as I write, and that means Christian Aid time. You may find an envelope enclosed with this magazine or you may have a volunteer posting one through your letter box. Whichever, I do hope you will feel happy to make a donation to this charity. Every pound counts. Over the years, I have found all sorts of strange things in gift envelopes – buttons being a favourite but also small toys and foreign coins.

I believe we all have different charities which we like to support and I know it is not possible to give to every cause whose letters drop through our doors. The choice is yours to make.

We live in a world where there are so many suffering people. Each time I watch or listen to the news I want to weep for those who are trying to cope with damaged lives when I feel completely helpless to help.

By the time you read this, Easter will be over and we will have remembered all that Jesus had to suffer. We will have remembered the way he was tortured; the hurt he felt when those who one week had been cheering were shouting for his death the next; the cruel trek to Calvary, the nailing to the cross and his death. Jesus surely understands the pain of the many who are suffering today. But joy of joys on Easter morning He had risen from the tomb. All was well! I pray that we will soon be able to say that for all who are suffering now.



SERVICE AND COFFEE



We hold a said communion service, followed by coffee on the first Tuesday of the month, 2 May, at Woodstock in Frampton Mansell. The service will start at 11am with coffee and a natter at 11.30am. We would love to see you for either or both.

Want to know more?

Need a lift? Phone Pepita or Paul on 760211

NOTES FROM CULKERTON

GARDENING TIPS FOR MAY

This year April became more like May with many plants coming into bloom a month early, which is a pleasant experience after the past few years of late spring weather followed by cool damp summers.

However, this has left me wondering if there will now be a flowery gap in early or midsummer so I have been sowing a few more annuals in trays. Also, keeping horticultural fleece handy to protect vulnerable young plants or shoots from frosty nights. Planting out tender annuals after 25 May when there is a full moon is advisable.

Swallows migrated to the UK in early April on a warm south easterly wind, I noticed aphids also appeared as did ladybirds. The resident small bird population, particularly Wrens, Blue, Great and Long Tailed Tits, set about feasting on aphids all through my garden, and cleared these very effectively. At the time of writing our House Martins are imminent and very welcome.

I noticed that several types of wild bees have been very busy pollinating and maybe there will a chance to collect seed from different types of garden plants. I have been enjoying a very good display of hybrid hyacinths, now over but heavy with seed capsules. These will take a few years to reach flowering size but could yield some delightful colours, perhaps some pale pastel blues and mauves. Likewise, this has been an exceptionally good set for hellebores, so the most interesting colours and shapes will be worth sowing as soon as the seed is ripe in a few weeks' time.

This year I will be taking part in an experiment called Blooms for Bees. This involves growing single flowered Dahlias from seed and noting which colour the bees, particularly bumble bees, prefer. The short Dahlia 'Mignon' trial seeds 2017 are free, and come in three colours, white, red and purple. I found about 20 seeds of each colour, sown in separate 9cm pots which only took 5 days to germinate, these will be pricked out one to a 9cm pot or deep trays when they have more pairs of leaves. Ready to be planted out in the borders or large pots later this month. For more information on this trial or to take part, there is still time to sow, go to www.BloomsForBees.co.uk

Any early flowering plants or bulbs should be deadheaded and given a good feed to promote strong growth for the production of next year's flowers. The leaves of bulbs should be allowed die down in their own time.

Rodmarton & Tarlton Fiesta

Saturday 10th June 2017
Rodmarton Village Hall
3.30pm

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BBQ

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Dog Show

Sapperton and Frampton Mansell Parish Council Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on

Tuesday 9 May at 7pm

in

Frampton Mansell Village Hall.

Residents are warmly welcomed. The agenda for the meeting can be found on the parish council website: [http://](http://www.sapfmpc.uk/)

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The website contains information about the parish council and minutes and agendas of meetings. We also post these on the village notice boards.

For further information or to raise an item on the agenda, please contact Kath Sanderson sappertonandfmpc@btinternet.com.

Cotswold Highland Games & Dog Show

Saturday 20th May, 1pm

Activities for all the family

Have a go at the games:

air rifles, archery, golf challenge, tug of war, welly wanging and more.

Enter the dog show (2pm):

loveliest lady, most fabulous fella, best trick, best brace, best young handler, waggiest tail

Plus BBQ and bar, teas and cakes, live music and more.

Park Corner Farm, Nr Sapperton

www.cotswoldhighlandgames.org



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SCHOOL TIES - SAPPERTON SCHOOL NEWS

Schools Out!

And it's the Easter Holidays again! Once again it's time to quickly recap events over the last few weeks of the busy Spring Patrol (Term) ranging from the well-attended school concert, the Harry Potter Land visit (thankfully nobody was turned into a frog) to the massive £186.77 collected by the pupils on *Red Nose Day*. This latter event saw wonderful spring weather, children in many fine costumes reflecting literary characters (including at least a brace of *Hermione Graingers*), a name auction for a rather handsome Teddy Bear (winning entry - *Peanut Butter* - obviously bears don't have nut allergies) to the obligatory tables groaning under the weight of home-made produce in the playground cake sale. All very much enjoyed by all.

Then from the Sports Desk, our correspondent reports that many excellent performances were put in by the juniors at the Local Schools Swimming Gala in Cirencester Leisure Centre where Sapperton repeatedly featured in the finals, while a spirited effort was made at the Tag Rugby competition at the Rugby Club. Elsewhere, the after school Archery Club on the sports field has been as popular as ever while tennis coaching has been observed on the main deck (Playground). Phew! All this exercise.....I think a little lie down in my cabin is called for.

Then at the other end of the school, I can report that all pre-school children have settled into their weekly "taster sessions" while the Infants themselves have been busy constructing an Easter Garden - and there is even going to be an After School Gardening Club for this age group next month! Horticulture, like sport and music are big at Sapperton and, just to emphasise this point if, like me, you are itching to turn over the page of your *2017 Gloucestershire Wildlife Calendar*, the page for May contains a beautiful, award winning wildflower picture taken by a Sapperton student last year! The infants will also be taking part in a photography workshop on 24 April and, wait for it, a visit to *Legoland* later in the term!

So after a long spring at sea, enjoy the fruits of the land over the holidays - and oh, a date for your diaries: the annual Cotswold Highland Games will be taking place at Park Corner Farm on Saturday 20 May. See you there!

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NEWS FROM RODMARTON, TARLTON, CULKERTON AND HAZLETON

ROGATION SERVICE

On Sunday 14 May at 11am there will be a Rogation Service at St Osmund's, Tarlton. Please note that there will be no service at Rodmarton on this Sunday.

Please bring your children, dogs and other animals as we process around the village blessing the crops, the animals and the homesteads. ALL WELCOME.

RODMARTON & TARLTON FIESTA

Our annual Fiesta will be held on Saturday 10 June at Rodmarton Village Hall: Cricket Match, Classic Cars, Dog Show, BBQ, Pimms, Real Ale and plenty of action for all the family. Please see the full page advertisement in the Watershed. ALL WELCOME.

RODMARTON CHILDREN'S CHURCH CHOIR

Forthcoming choir services all at 11am are:

4 June	Pentecost
25 June	St Peter's Patronal and Benefice Service

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